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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 11, with the following amended paragraph.

In one aspect, the present invention provides a closure system including a base tab with an outer edge and first and second major surfaces; a carrier tab having first and second major surfaces, an inner edge, and an opposing outer edge, the inner edge and the outer edge defining a length of the carrier tab; a fastener component attached to at least one of the first and second major surfaces of the carrier tab; an overlap region in which a portion of the first major surface of the carrier tab faces the second major surface of the base tab such that the outer edge of the base tab is located between the inner and outer edges of the carrier tab; and bonding tape attached to the second major surface of the base tab adjacent the overlap region, the bonding tape further attached to the ~~first~~ second major surface of the carrier tab within the overlap region, wherein the inner edge of the carrier tab is located between the bonding tape and the second major surface of the base tab.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 22, with the following amended paragraph.

In another aspect, the present invention provides a closure system including an elastic base tab with an outer edge and first and second major surfaces; a carrier tab with first and second major surfaces, an inner edge, and an opposing outer edge, the inner edge and the outer edge defining a length of the carrier tab, wherein the carrier tab is inelastic; a fastener component attached to at least one of the first and second major surfaces of the carrier tab; an overlap region in which a portion of the first major surface of the carrier tab faces the second major surface of the elastic base tab such that the outer edge of the elastic base tab is located between the inner and outer edges of the carrier tab; and a bonding tape adhesively attached and welded to the

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second major surface of the elastic base tab adjacent the overlap region, the bonding tape further adhesively attached and welded to the first second major surface of the carrier tab within the overlap region, wherein the inner edge of the carrier tab is located between the bonding tape and the second major surface of the elastic base tab, and further wherein the bonding tape is inelastic.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 3, with the following amended paragraph.

In another aspect, the present invention provides a method of manufacturing a composite web for a closure systems by providing a base tab web having an outer edge and first and second major surfaces; providing a carrier tab web having first and second major surfaces, an inner edge, and an opposing outer edge; aligning the base tab web and the carrier tab web to form an overlap region in which a portion of the first major surface of the carrier tab web faces the second major surface of the base tab web such that the outer edge of the base tab web is located between the inner and outer edges of the carrier tab web; aligning a bonding tape over the inner edge of the carrier tab web, wherein the inner edge of the carrier tab web is located between the bonding tape and the second major surface of the base tab web; attaching the bonding tape to the second major surface of the base tab web adjacent the overlap region; attaching the bonding tape to the first second major surface of the carrier tab web within the overlap region; and attaching a fastener component web to at least one of the first and second major surfaces of the carrier tab web.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 17, with the following amended paragraph.

In another aspect, the present invention provides a method of manufacturing a composite web for a closure systems by providing an elastic base tab web having an outer edge and first and second major surfaces; providing a carrier tab web having first and second major surfaces, an inner edge, and an opposing outer edge, wherein the carrier tab web is inelastic; aligning the

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elastic base tab web and the carrier tab web to form an overlap region in which a portion of the first major surface of the carrier tab web faces the second major surface of the elastic base tab web such that the outer edge of the elastic base tab web is located between the inner and outer edges of the carrier tab web; aligning a bonding tape over the inner edge of the carrier tab web, wherein the inner edge of the carrier tab web is located between the bonding tape and the second major surface of the elastic base tab web, and wherein the bonding tape is inelastic, and further wherein the bonding tape includes a layer of pressure sensitive adhesive facing the elastic base tab web and the carrier tab web; adhesively attaching and welding the bonding tape to the second major surface of the elastic base tab web adjacent the overlap region; adhesively attaching and welding the bonding tape to the first second major surface of the carrier tab web within the overlap region; and attaching a fastener component web to at least one of the first and second major surfaces of the carrier tab web.